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NAME OF INVENTION: HOG CHOLERA VIRUS VACCINE AND DIAGNOSTIC

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 09/059,853	Applicant(s) Myers et al
	Examiner Lynette R. F. Smith	Group Art Unit 1648

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 7/27/98

The allowed claim(s) is/are 14-21, renumbered claims 1-8, respectively

The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 5.

including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 5

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Examiner's Amendment/Comment

Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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1. The examiner acknowledges receipt of the preliminary amendment and the supplemental preliminary amendment. Claim 8 has been canceled. Claims 14-21 are pending and under consideration in this office action.

2. The examiner also acknowledges that this application is a continuation of application serial number 08/873,759 which application concerns the nucleic acid sequence encoding the 44/48kd protein. The parent application has been allowed. The instant application concerns the polypeptide which is encoded by the nucleic acid of application serial number 08/873,759. In view of the fact that the issues are similar and have been prosecuted in the parent application, the claims of the instant applicant are free of the prior art.

3. Claims 14-21 are allowed and are renumbered claims 1-8, respectively.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the closest prior art cited (i.e. in the parent application) neither teaches nor suggests the claimed 44/48 kd protein and vaccine.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Technology Center 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Lynette F. Smith, Art Unit 1648 and should be marked "OFFICIAL" for entry into prosecution history or "DRAFT" for consideration by the

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examiner without entry. The Art Unit 1648 FAX telephone number is (703)-305-4242. FAX machines will be available to receive transmissions 24 hours a day. In compliance with 1096 OG 30, the filing date accorded to each OFFICIAL fax transmission will be determined by the FAX machine's stamped date found on the last page of the transmission, unless that date is a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday with the District of Columbia, in which case the OFFICIAL date of receipt will be the next business day.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Lynette F. Smith whose telephone number is (703) 308-3909.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald E. Adams, can be reached on (703) 308-0570.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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